

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present invention relates to a food preparation table; and more particularly, to a food preparation table which is capable of simplifying its hinge axle assembling process and reducing its manufacturing cost, and capable of allowing an operator to open a cover disposed on a pan holder with [[a]] comparatively less force and to feel more comfortable in handling the cover by employing a slanted guide surface in a bracket. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As well known, widely used for preparing pizza, sandwich or salad, a food preparation table includes a horizontally disposed counter top for providing a place on which foodstuff is prepared; a pan holder disposed adjacent to the counter top, which accommodates a plural number of pans containing ingredient foodstuff items, e.g., ~~slided~~ sliced tomatoes and lettuces; one or more covers for covering or exposing the pan holder; a food storage compartment which is provided with a plural number of doors in a front thereof and refrigerates other items; and a refrigerating system which supplies cooled air into the food storage compartment and the pan holder. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to Fig. 1, there is illustrated an exploded perspective view of a conventional cover. The cover ~~[[50]]~~ 50' is provided with an upper case 30 made of stainless steel, an insulated pad 20 disposed inside the upper case 30, a lower case 10 covering a bottom portion of the insulated pad 20 and a pair of first and a pair of second hinge axles 35a, 35b. The lower case 10 is coupled to the upper case 30 by a plural number of bolts 34 screwing into openings 32 formed in both sides of the upper case 30 and rivet screws 22 built in both sides of the lower case 10. The first and the second hinge axles 35a, 35b are disposed on rear portions of the both sides of the upper case 30 in a manner that the first hinge axles 35a are closer to a front portion of the upper case 30 than the second hinge axles 35b. The first and the second hinge axles 35a, 35b are provided with external thread portions 24a, 24b projecting from the both sides of the upper case 30 and internal thread portions 26a, 26b, wherein the internal thread portions 26a, 26b are screwed onto the external thread portions. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to Fig. 3, there is schematically illustrated a perspective view of a food preparation table in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention. The food preparation table includes a horizontally disposed counter top 2 for providing a place on which foodstuff is

prepared; a pan holder 14 which is disposed on the backside of the counter top 2 and accommodates a plural number of pans P containing ingredient foodstuff items, e.g., ~~slided~~ sliced tomatoes and lettuces; a food storage compartment 6 which is provided with a pair of doors in a front thereof and preserves other items; a refrigerating system (not shown) which supplies cooled air into the food storage compartment 6 and the pan holder 14; an insulated wall 16 surrounding the pan holder 14; two pairs of brackets 150 fixed on the upper portion of the insulated wall 16; and two covers 50 which are pivotally supported by the corresponding pair of brackets 150, respectively, and cover or uncover the pan holder 14. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to Fig. 4, there is illustrated an exploded perspective view of a portion of cover 50. The cover 50 is provided with an upper case 55 made of stainless steel, an insulated pad 20 inserted into the upper case 55, a lower case 140 covering lower portion of the insulated pad 20 and a pair of hinge assemblies 60 disposed on rear portions of opposite sides of the upper case 55. Two openings 254, 354 are formed in the rear portion of each side of the upper case 55, and three openings 52, 54, 154 are formed in a fore portion of each side of the upper case 55. In each side of the lower case 140, two openings 52, 54 are formed corresponding to ~~the openings 52, 54~~ burring taps 142, 143. Each hinge assembly 60 is provided with a plate 70 having a threaded opening 76, a pair of insertion opening 72 and a welding opening 74 disposed between the insertion opening 72, and a first and a

second hinge axles 66a, 66b. And each plate 70 is fixed on an inside surface of side of the upper case 55 by using a bolt 34 screwed through the opening 154 and the threaded opening ~~75~~ 76. Moreover, the connection between the plate 70 and the inside surface of side of the upper case 55 is strengthened by welding them together through the welding hole 74. And the hinge axles 66a, 66b are provided with insertion portion 62a, 62b, respectively, i.e., end portions having a smaller diameter, which are inserted into and welded with the corresponding opening 254, 354 and insertion openings 72, and hinge axle portions 64a, 64b serving as hinge shafts. And the first hinge axles 66a are closer to a front portion of the cover 50 than the second hinge axles 66b. The lower case 140 is joined with upper case 55 by using the bolts 134 screwed through openings 52, 54 and into burring taps 142, 143. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to Fig. 5, there is illustrated a perspective view of a bracket of the present invention. The bracket 150 includes a bottom surface 152 having a flange f fixedly connected to the upper portion of the insulated wall 16 (See Fig.3); a guide surface 156 which guides the first hinge axle 66a and is formed with a curved slant surface; a horizontally extended guide slot 170 which horizontally guides the second hinge axle 66b fitted therein; a latch slot 158 which is disposed at the highest portion of the guide surface 156 and prevents the first hinge axle 66a from sliding downward along the guide surface 156; a stopper 162 which prevents the first hinge axle 66a from moving over the latch slot 158 to keep the cover 50

from opening over a certain angle; a support portion 160 which is disposed at the lowest portion of the guide surface 156 to prevent the first hinge axle 66a from moving downward anymore; a front protrusion 180 which is connected to the support portion 160 and is opposite to the guide surface 156 with respect to the support portion 160 to prevent the first hinge axle 66a from moving forward; and a back protrusion 172 which is disposed on an end portion of the guide slot 170 to limit a backward movement of the second hinge axle 66b. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- When the cover ~~50a~~ 50 is opened, the first hinge axle 66a slides upward along the guide surface 156 and the second hinge axle 66b slides horizontally in the guide slot 170. Since the guide surface 156 is a curved slant surface instead of a vertical surface and the guide slot 170 is a horizontally elongated opening instead of a slantingly extended opening, ~~[[a]]~~ comparatively less force is required to open the cover 50. And the first hinge axle 66a is prevented from moving over the latch slot 158 by the stopper 162 under the condition that the cover 50 is opened at a certain angle. At this time, the first hinge axle 66a is restrained in the latch slot 158, so that the cover 50 is not accidentally closed. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- As described above, since the guide surface 156 is a curved slant face and the guide slot 170 is a horizontally elongated opening, [[a]] comparatively less force is required to open the cover 50 and the operator feels more comfortable in handling it. In addition, since the cover 50 comes into contact with the upper portion of the insulated wall 16 almost at the same time or slightly after the first hinge axle 66a comes into contact with the support portion 160, a hard collision between the cover 50 and the upper portion of the insulated wall 16 can be prevented. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring to Fig. 6, there are illustrated paths of the first and the second hinge axles 66a, 66b joined with the bracket 150 in a case where the cover 50 (See Fig. 3) is dropped accidentally so that the first hinge axle 66a does not slide along the guide surface 156 (See Fig. 3). When the cover 50 (See Fig. 3) is dropped from the latch slot 158 (See Fig. 3), the first hinge axle 66a is moved along a solid line and then collides with a slant portion 180a of the front protrusion 180 covered with an impact absorbing material, such as urethane. Thus, the speed of dropping cover 50 is reduced and then slides into the support portion 160. Consequently, it is prevented that the cover 50 severely collides with the upper portion of the insulated wall 16 (See Fig. 3). --